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Talking of the wrath of man, it is apprehended that this present United States Grand Jury for our District is as little likely to appease that of the virtuous Hallett as that he first attempted. No True Bills have as yet been returned against the Faneuil Hall miscreants for exciting the attack on the Court-House for the rescue of Burns. Really, this contumacy (if true) would be enough to convince one of the truth of the doctrine of Total Depravity, if one could have escaped conviction long since. It is high time that those institutions of the Grand and, yet more, the Petty Juries, so justly odious to our best and most learned Judges, were abolished. Only think how it would simplify matters if Attorney Hallett could lay a complaint before Commissioner Curtis or Loring, against say, Wendell Phillips or Theodore Parker, they to commit them fully for trial, which should be held by Judge Curtis alone, or with only Judge Sprague as his Assessor! We doubt whether the ends of Justice will ever be accomplished until that good day arrives. There could not be the slightest question about the administration of Justice under these circumstances. For, in addition to the just reputation of Judge Curtis as learned in the law in all its ordinary branches, he has proved his fitness for political administrations and decisions by the opinion he gave in the Massachusetts Legislature, the year Mr. Sumner was chosen Senator, viz., that the Coalition of Free Soilers and Democrats by which that choice was effected was a *Conspiracy undetectable at Common Law*! Surely, such a man may be trusted. N. Y.

Our Philadelphia Correspondent.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 13, 1854. RAIN after rain, and still the weather clears off warm and October-like. The hazy days of the Indian Summer drop off by one, and here, fenced in between parallel walls of glaring brick houses, we are compelled to waste away this most delicious of all seasons, with only now and then a glimpse of the tender blue of the sky overhead, or the chirp of a wild bird, that, in its passage to Southern sunshine, has lost it way in this artificial wilderness. Oh for another day on the banks of the Wissahickon—wild Indian stream!—with a stroll through the green meadows, a scramble up the rocky hill to its brow, brown with the colours of autumn, and the vast prospect of hill and dale, forest and stream! Few of our large seaboard cities, probably, have more charming environs than Philadelphia, and it is enough to say of the scenery of the Wissahickon that it is thoroughly Pennsylvanian. By the way, it is a pity that our citizens in their summer tows, never think of exploring the magnificent scenery of the interior of our State; while thousands leave the city every summer for Cape May, Long Branch and Rookaway, or a tour up the Hudson, over your beautiful lakes to Niagara, there is scarcely one who ever thinks of hunting up the hidden beauties to be found within our own borders, among the Alleghenies, the wild and picturesque Catskills, and the grand Susquehanna, with its frowning cliffs and emerald lakes. Why is it that our young men never exhibit any of that genuine love of the beautiful which leads the German student, during his summer vacation, to shoulder his knapsack for the tour of the Rhine, or to climb the mountains and explore the valleys of the Tyrol? I put the question and leave it to them to answer.

Have you ever, in any of your recent visits to our city, taken a stroll out Walnut street or to Logan square? If not, why, then—there is a treat in store for you during some future one. A mutual friend tells me, what I was not before aware of, that you have a passion for architecture, and in such a stroll as the one I have supposed your taste could not but be gratified. I should be sure (such is the variety in the style of the costly edifices there erected), were it not that I am convinced it is a cultivated one. As I have not visited your city for four or five years, I know not what changes have taken place among you recently in this respect, but with us they are most striking. Immense wealth has been accumulated in hands unused to it, accompanied by the desire, nearly universal in such cases, for display, without any of that preparatory discipline of the taste which would enable its possessors to expend it judiciously and enjoy it truly. The consequence has been the erection of block upon block of the most absurd edifices which you could well imagine, covered, in most instances—balustrade, casement and cornice—with a profusion of gingerbread ornament, which must be a daily distress to all who are compelled to witness it. The mania, unfortunately, is not confined to the city; it has spread, in a modified, though not less insistent, form, into the country, where a romantic passion for "cottages" is becoming well-nigh universal. The fine old rural-looking stone country-houses are giving way to these new-fangled abominations, in every direction, which, in addition to all their other untoward characteristics, have, almost without exception, an abortive third or fourth story. Fine old forest trees are remorselessly hewn down to make room for these "improvements," and bright yellow "Italian villas" are shooting up as if by magic, crowned, not infrequently, with the climax of a Chinese tower, to which the famous one at Peking is a trifle. Into these previously inconceivable structures their delighted owners are retreating, and settling down into the comfortable conviction that they have adopted the most approved models of building hitherto produced by the united architectural genius of the civilized world. Some of them are emphatically of the Gothic style, and, for anything I know, many of them may be after models greatly in vogue among the Loo Choo or Beloches. Where it will all end, Heaven only knows, for this "constructive spirit" is still going on conquering, and apparently to conquer.

There is nothing new or especially stirring going on here; the elections are over, round about, at least very recently; we pay quietly, and with a good grace, as loyal subjects ought, to the General Government, Capt. Suttle's agent in his late slave-bait in Boston, our share of the thirty thousand dollars, incident on that elegant republican diversion, and like philosophic patriots, as we are, avoid falling into any fanatical excitement at the fines of thousands of dollars, inflicted by the afore-mentioned viceroy. We are, however, not without our share of the escape of Southern property, and look, with Christian serenity, on the whipping to death, by our brethren in Virginia, of superannuated slaves who are not in a condition longer to "make themselves generally useful."

A week or two ago, a party of one hundred and fifty persons left Connecticut, in this State, for Kansas. If, on their arrival in that territory,

they find, as the papers say, that their "Southern brethren" have resolved that no intruders from the free States shall have quarters there, they will, doubtless, concur in the wisdom of the decision, and, like good citizens abide by the principle of "popular sovereignty," thus exemplified, and which was so ably advocated by our representatives at the federal capital.

In our journal I fancy I see an improvement—"perhaps," the wish is father to the thought!" The *Ledger* has, now and then, a really good leader, and seldom anything objectionable; and when it does say "Good Lord!" and "Good Devil!" in the same breath, the former ejaculation seems to be the louder of the two. The well-fed *North American* does respectfully in its arm-chair, after its dinner of roast turkey, oyster-sauce and plum pudding; in a literary way, I have to tell you that the *Lady's Book* is still punctually issued, without any deterioration to its literary character, which, indeed, was not to be feared.

In the midst of the general dullness and stagnation, Mr. George M. Dallas, who, you will remember, was at one time suspected of a disposition to sacrifice himself on the altar of his country, in the capacity of President of the United States, has published a letter in reply to some one, sanctioning the proposition to form *Union Clubs*, which, it appears, he regards with a very favourable eye. This vigilant care of the public weal, on the part of this gentleman, would be worthy of all praise at any time, but is, you must agree with me, peculiarly affecting at the present juncture, and under existing circumstances, when it must be plain, to all impartial persons, he can have but little hope of an opportunity to devote himself to the public weal, at the sacrifice of that private felicity which constitutes the full fruition of the statesman, as well as the man of more limited capacity, and from which it would require so great an effort on the part of Mr. Dallas to tear himself.

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The late election in Ohio—Large Majorities—Southern Views of the Merits of the Contest—Paid Fire Department—Steam Fire Engines—Monetary Affairs—Prospects for the Winter.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 10, 1854. It is ascertained, now, that the majority in this State for Swan (Anti-Nebraska), for Supreme Judge, will be a few hundreds



